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Re: Application # 10/692,485

Dear Jes Pascua,

The following is in reply to office action dated 3/24/06 for application # 10/692,485 with filing date of 10/27/03.

The "Fit N' Bag" of application # 10/692,485 is a free standing ^{Form} fitting liner for host receptacles.

The "Fit N' Bag" is designed to meet the need of facile accessibility to contents whatever they be. In one instance of everyday use, The "Fit N' Bag" may be used as a Liner for Household Trash receptacles with the insertion of shopping bags making it both inexpensive and simple.

In contrast, the cited patent #US 5,082,171 issued to Homel Et Al, requires (2) elastic cord supports per (4) corners of the unit and is designed to function as a book return.

Claim #1 of "Fit N' Bag" application # 10/692,485 cited in the disposition of claims is hereby clarified.

Claim #1

The flexibility of the elastic material utilized in the manufacture of the "Fit N' Bag" liner provides expansion and contraction for the descent/ascent feature.

Summary

The prior art of Homel Et Al #US 5,082,171 does not provide the same descent/ascent feature as the "Fit N' Bag." It does not serve the same purpose nor is it constructed in the same or like manner. Merely having a supported collapsible bag serving as a book return, does not address the many possible uses of the "Fit N' Bag" receptacle liner in application #10/692,485. Some other uses for the liner are in household laundry hampers, deep bottomed storage bins, etc. These differences with the aforementioned benefits and use possibilities make the "Fit N' Bag" of application #10/692,485 patentable.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patent Application #10/692,485